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SUBJECL: PROOTOCOL: AMBASSADOR CRIGLER TO BE ACTING DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

1. REGARDLESS OF SENIORITY, PAPAL NUNCIO CONVENTIONALLY FUNCTIONS AS DEAN OF DIP CORPS IN RWANDA WHENEVER PRESENT. (HE ALSO COVERS BURUNDI BUT RESIDES PRIMARILY IN RWANDA.) ORDER OF PRECEDENCE AFTER NUNCIO IS ACCORDING TO SENIORITY. PRESENT NUNCIO BEING TRANSFERRED NEXT MONTH, AS IS SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WHO IS MOST SENIOR IN TERMS OF SERVICE. WITH DEPARTURE OF THOSE TWO AND UNTIL NEW NUNCIO ACCREDITED, US AMBASSADOR WILL BE SECOND, FOLLOWING ONLY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS PRESENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY. THUS AMBASSADOR CRIGLER WILL FUNCTION AS DEAN FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS BEGINNING EARLY MAY.

2. FIRST FUNCTION AS ACTING DEAN WILL BE FAREWELL DINNER FOR DEPARTING NUNCIO (AFTER DEPARTURE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR). INVITATIONS FOR MAY 8 FUNCTION HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION PLUS UNDP RESREP AND EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND REP. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH NUNCIO, INVITATIONS TO AMBASSADORS OF DPRK AND PRC HAVE BEEN SENT ON PLAIN CARDS (NO SEAL) IN NAME OF "ACTING DEAN OF DIP CORPS AMBASSADOR T. FRANK CRIGLER." THERE IS NO REFERENCE
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TO UNITED STATES. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS PROCEDURE ACCEPTABLE AND PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE OCCASIONS. NOTE: NEITHER CHINESE NOR NORTH KOREANS HAVE YET RESPONDED AND THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE EITHER WILL ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO RESIDENCE OF US AMBASSADOR REGARDLESS OF HOW WORDED. WE WILL REPORT ANY UNEXPECTED RESULT.
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